

TAX COLLECTION.

Ald. Cowan moved, and Ald. — seconded, that the time for the return of the rolls be extended till Sept. 1st.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the time be Aug. 15th. Carried. REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Birrell, Chairman: Your Committee beg leave to submit their report on the several clauses of the auditor's report for quarter ending March 31, 1883, referred to your Committee at Council meeting held April 23rd inst. 1. The new license book was placed in the hands of the Inspector April 25th, 1883, and has fully met the requirements of that office, furnishing a complete check and correct register of that particular branch of the Inspector's work; 2. Your Committee have had proof struck of the city certificates, cheques and vouchers, printed on paper uniform in size, and adapted to the several departments of the corporation. Your Committee beg leave to submit said proofs and recommend their adoption; 3. Your Committee concur with the recommendation of the auditors "that a safe be procured for the Treasurer's office of sufficient size to contain all the books of current accounts, with a small 'burglar proof' within it." Your Committee beg, therefore, to recommend that such a safe be procured at a cost not to exceed \$500. Adopted.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Ald. Hunt—That the time for receiving tenders for the \$175,000 city debentures be extended to August 15.

THE COW NUISANCE.

Ald. Moore moved and Ald. Hunt seconded, that the police be instructed to enforce the present cow by-law. Carried.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Ald. Labatt asked two months' leave of absence. Granted, and Ald. Birrell's name was substituted for his on committee.

On motion Ald. Birrell was appointed to act on all committees of which Ald. Labatt is member, during the absence of Ald. Labatt.

RETRIBUTION.

Ald. Birrell pointed out that though the Salvation Army had been granted the privilege of using the City Hall for their Sunday services for months past, they now absolutely refused to comply with the by-laws of the city, and grave complaints had been made against them by residents of King street. He therefore moved, seconded by Ald. Hyman, that the privilege of using the City Hall be granted in the past be withdrawn from the Army from this date. Carried.

Adjourned for two weeks.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, July 23rd, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Meredith in the chair; Ald. Birrell, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Stringer, Skinner, Browne, Moore, Boyd, Becher and A. S. Abbott, City Clerk.

Minutes of last regular and a special meeting adopted, with the correction of a clerical error.

COMMUNICATIONS.

E. B. Reed—On behalf of the widow of the late L. Lawrason, in reference to income tax improperly imposed. No. One.

A. Massie—Claim for damage to his boat house and boats, done under the authority of corporation officials during late flood. No. Two.

John Reddick—Asking extension of time for payment of taxes. No. One.

Geo. G. Evans and others—Asking that a meeting be called to discuss the Wellington street sewer tax question. No. Two.

Rev. J. W. Sutton, pastor of Grace M. E. Church, asking permission to erect a frame stable on the parsonage property, Queen's avenue. No. Three.

A. M. Gunn and others—Petition against a sewer on Queen's avenue, between Wellington and Waterloo streets. No. Two.

Wm. Saunders and 119 other prominent citizens—Asking that immediate action be taken for the rebuilding of Kensington bridge. Referred to Chairman Committee No. 2.

Capt. Manley, 10th Royals, Toronto—Resolution of thanks to the corporation of London for entertainment and welcome on May 24th. Filed.

John W. Kern—Reclaim for damaged tree guards. No. Two.

A. Pentegast—Asking extension of time for payment of taxes. No. One.

J. B. — and—Petition for remission of taxes. No. One.

ADVERTISER Printing and Publishing Co.—Account for \$138.27. No. One.

ADVERTISER, Printing and Publishing Co.—Sample of ornament printing. No. One.

J. H. Purdom—Asking the use of the Fair Grounds with right to close the gates on Sept. 1th for Caledonian games. Granted.

Alex. Harvey—Asking that the assessment on two houses in course of construction be struck off. No. One.

A. M. Gunn and others—Against the construction of a sewer proposed on Queen's Avenue. No. 2.

Account G. T. R. R.—Paupers' paucity \$2.55; P. O. Home, maintenance of paupers, \$18. Referred to No. 3 Committee.

SALVATION ARMY.

A petition signed by J. M. O'Meara and several hundred citizens on behalf of the Salvation Army was read, asking that by-laws, preventing the use of the drum and other instruments

on the street, be repealed. Capt. Addie, Capt. Wase, and private Parsons were heard in support of the petition. It was stated that they had willingly ceased beating the drum in the barracks when it was pointed out that it was a nuisance to persons living near by. They did not desire to be a nuisance, but to do good, and felt that the drum beating, etc., was an essential in their mode of worship. They also claimed equal rights with others.

The matter was referred to No. Two to report.

A DEPUTATION.

consisting of Messrs. A. B. Powell, D. Ragan, W. W. Fitzgerald and S. McBride, was heard in support of the re-erection of Kensington bridge. They claimed that the work was a necessity to the city from a business standpoint. It was suggested that the material of the fallen Oxford street bridge might be utilized. The petitioners asked that immediate steps be taken so that the bridge could be completed before winter.

On motion the petition was referred to No. Two Committee.

REPORT NO. THREE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hunt, Chairman—That the petition of George McFadden to have street lamp opposite the B. M. E. church, Gray street, moved up a few feet, be granted; 2. That Mr. Appleton, of London East, be granted water at a rate and five-eighths, the city to be at no expense in the matter; 3. That the tender of Henry Colerick for painting, cleaning, etc., at City Hospital, amounting to \$102, be accepted; 4. Your Committee beg to lay before you the report of Chief of Police Williams respecting the unsatisfactory way in which the street lamps are lighted. (The Chief's report set forth that during the past quarter 1,652 lamps were found unfit; quality of gas bad, and about half the lamps scarcely visible. Lamps are chiefly found unfit after 11 p.m., and on Sunday nights. Accompanying the report was an account for \$522.75, and one for street lighting amounting to \$1,368.25.)

The report was received. Ald. Becher moved, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the report be adopted, and that the payment of street lighting account be referred back to committee with instructions to consult the City Engineer to ascertain the liability of the city to pay the same when lamps were unfit or the gas of inferior quality. Carried.

HOSPITAL VISITING STAFF.

On motion of Ald. Cowan, seconded by Ald. Browne, Dr. McLean was substituted on the Hospital visiting staff in place of Dr. Stevenson, deceased.

REPORT OF NO. TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Browne, Chairman—1. Passage of pay roll, \$890.72; Vm. Cather, on work pavement contractor, \$1,300, and on asphalt walk contractor, \$850; 2. That the claim of Nellie vs. the corporation, for damages to back, be compromised, by the payment of \$500 in full of all demands; 3. That the petition of E. H. Haynes and W. M. Moore, for the drains on George, Talbot and Colborne streets, be granted, the